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DEPARTMENT PASS OAU COLLECTIVE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: LI, RH, PEPR

SUBJECT: GOL VIEW OF RHODESIAN DEVELOPMENTS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: AN EDITORIAL FEBRUARY 17 IN THE SEMI-OFFICIAL LIBERIAN AGE, QUOTED IN FULL BELOW, CALLS ON AFRICAN STATES TO "REJECT" THE RECENTLY REPORTED AGREEMENT BETWEEN IAN SMITH AND MUZOREWA/ SITHOLE/CHIRAU:

"AFTER PRESIDING OVER A REBEL REGIME FOR MORE THAN 10 YEARS IN ZIMBABWE, IAN SMITH HAS SUCCEEDED IN SPLITTING THE FORCES OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND WORKING OUT WHAT IS TERMED A SETTLEMENT WHICH THEY SAY WILL BRING ABOUT BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN ZIMBABWE.

WHY HAS MR. SMITH CONCEDED AT THIS MOMENT TO ONLY A FEW? WHY HAS HE REFUSED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT? THE REASONS SEEM QUITE CLEAR. BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM THE FRONTLINE STATES AND THE INCREASING ENGAGEMENT OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT FORCES, HE NOW SEEKS A WAY OF LEGALIZING HIS REBEL REGIME BY BAPTIZING MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE.

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WE CALL UPON ALL AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS TO REJECT THIS BOGUS SETTLEMENT; IT IS JUST ANOTHER SHADE OF VORSTER'S APARTHEID POLICY.

WITHOUT A SETTLEMENT INCLUDING THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, A SOLUTION AIMED AT PEACE, INTER-RACIALISM AND BLACK

MAJORITY RULE WILL NEVER COME ABOUT.

IT IS HARD TO SEE MR. SMITH A REBEL YESTERDAY WHO COULD NOT SEE A ZIMBABWE GOVERNED UNDER THE PRINCIPLE OF ONE MAN ONE VOTE IN HIS LIFE TIME CHANGED OVERNIGHT TO AN APOSTLE OF BLACK MAJORITY RULE TODAY." END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH SITHOLE, MUZOREWA AND THEIR ASSOCIATES HAVE VISITED MONROVIA FREQUENTLY, AND BEEN RECEIVED WARMLY BY PRESIDENT TOLBERT, THE GOL POSITION HAS BEEN THAT ALL BLACK NATIONALIST FORCES SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN A SETTLEMENT. END CONFIDENTIAL  
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